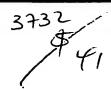
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

Re: SELF-DRILLING IMPLANT

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/086,860

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by Robert P. Carmichael et al



Attached hereto is a response to the office action mailed January 5, 2004, the period for response to which was set to expire April 5, 2004.

Please accept this response as timely as provided in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The government fee of \$210.00 is included in our firm cheque No. _____ in respect of the extension fee for response within two months after the time period set as provided in 37 CFR 1.17.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to our deposit account No. 02-2095.

Applicant is a small entity.

Yours truly,

H. Roge/ Hart/jb

Encl.

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